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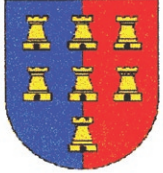
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INTERNATIONAL SAXON JUGENDLAGER

JULY 19 – AUGUST 3, 2019

HOST: LANDSMANNSCHAFT OF AUSTRIA

We are looking for five of our members to attend the 2019 International Saxon Jugendlager which will be held in Austria starting on Friday, July 19 and ending Saturday, August 3. Those members that wish to be considered must be ATS members ages 18 - 21.

Participants from Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the USA will enjoy two weeks of learning about our Saxon history and culture as well as sightseeing excursions in the beautiful country of Austria. The first stay will be in Vienna then on to the Upper part of Austria and the past few days in Salzburg. The group will travel by mini buses and stay in hostels except in Traun, where they will be housed by Saxon families.

Participation in the Saxon Jugendlager will be limited to five young people from each country --- Austria, Canada, Germany, Transylvania and the United States. In addition, each country is entitled to send a Group Leader. The ATS Group Leader will be Heidi Weber. USA participants must be ATS members in good standing between the ages 18-21. Each participant is to bear the cost of his/her transportation to and from Austria and for personal daily incidental expenses. The Landsmannschaft of Austria will provide housing, meals and transportation during the Jugendlager. The ATS will pay the Participation Fee for each of our Jugendlager participants.

All applicants should be interested in learning about our Saxon culture and traditions and be somewhat familiar of their Saxon background and knowledgeable about the activities of their local branch and the national organization, the Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons.

This is a great chance to make friends with other young Saxons from different parts of the world. It is an opportunity to share experiences with young adults from the same ethnic background and learn more about the Saxon heritage.

If you are interested in being considered, please contact the ATS Home Office at (440) 842-8442 as soon as possible. An Application form will be sent out to you and the ATS Youth Activities Committee will review the submitted apps and will make every effort to be completely fair in their final selection of participants.

This is a two-week program that offers an individual a chance to share their family history with others, to learn about our Saxon heritage, to make friends that can last a lifetime and to enjoy various activities that will guarantee a good time for all. It is a heartwarming and truly memorable experience. Just ask a former Jugendlager participant.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Joan Miller-Malue
ATS Nat'l President



The TSBA ended the 2018-19 season with their Tournament that was held in Cleveland. We thank Cleveland West bowlers for their hospitality. We congratulate the winners of the season and tournament. Results and pictures of the winners are printed on the back page. It was nice to see that a new team from Youngstown won team event in the Tournament. The ATS Board of Directors wants to thank the TSBA officers, the local branch cities for hosting the sessions and the bowlers who traveled to each city to enjoy the camaraderie with their fellow ATS members. The ATS helps the TSBA with an annual subsidy based on the number of ATS bowlers. The TSBA Convention will be held in New Castle on Saturday, June 9, 2019.

The ATS Board of Directors is looking forward to the Branch Presidents' Meeting that will be held in New Castle on Saturday, May 4, 2019. We will be reviewing our 2018 financial reports and fraternal activities as well as discuss upcoming events, the announcement of ATS scholarship awards and distribution of this year's Branch Sharing and Subsidy Grants. We are so happy that our attendees will be able to help celebrate The Eintracht Singing Society's 125th Anniversary that evening. They have planned for a wonderful entertaining evening. We hope to meet with many of our ATS members at this milestone celebration.

I want to thank ATS Trustee, Margarete Ziegler, for helping us organize a new family event for this year...Family Camp-Out at Camp Fitch located in N Springfield, Pa. the weekend of September 13 – 15. This is a YMCA camp which will offer various activities for all ages. Sleeping headquarters will be in Glen Oaks Lodge with accessible restroom and shower facilities. There will be a space for an outdoor fire where hopefully we will have a Speck Fry (Mike Teutsch, Jr. hint, hint!) on one of the evenings! Look for more information shortly.

On Tuesday, April 9, several ATS officers and I represented our society at the Eastern European Congress of Ohio (EECOH) at their annual celebration dinner. Ohio has designated April as Eastern European Month to acknowledge the contributions and significance that the Eastern Europeans have brought to Ohio's economic development. The EECOH culturally unites the people of Ohio whose ancestry and heritage are from Eastern Europe. The organization now is petitioning the United States Congress to pass legislation to establish April as Eastern European Month and to create an Eastern European Commission. With millions of US residents of Eastern European ancestry, the organization feels there is a need for our communities to have an active voice including continuous dialogue concerning our cultures and contributions to the United States. The Transylvanian Saxons have been recognized and thanked for our contributions each year at this

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Schloss Horneck needs OUR help!



Schloss Horneck located in Gundelsheim, Germany is the international location for our Siebenbürger Sachsen to house Sachsen artifacts, books and other historical documents and records. It is important to our worldwide Sachsen community to help in the maintenance expenses of this historical facility that will preserve our Sachsen culture and heritage.

The Federation of Transylvanian Saxons requests donation to help in the funding of the facility. If you are interested in giving a donation, please complete the form below and send to the ATS Home Office, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, OH 44129.

Please make your check payable to the ATS.

DONATION FOR SCHLOSS HORNECK

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____
 Zipcode _____

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 or honor of someone

What is the difference between a crazy bunny and a counterfeit banknote?

One is bad money and the other is a mad bunny.

What are four hundred rabbits doing hopping backwards?

They are forming a receding hare line.

Q: What does the Easter Rabbit get for making a basket?

A: Two points just like everybody!

Q: What is the Easter Bunny's favorite kind of music?

A: Hip-hop, of course!

Q: What do you call an egg from outer space?

A: An "Egg-stra terrestrial"

Q: Why does Peter Cottontail go hopping down the bunny trail?

A: Because he's too young to drive.

Q: What would you get if you crossed the Easter Bunny with a famous French general?

A: Napoleon Bunny-parte!

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celebratory dinner.

I want to remind all Local Branches that they need to file a tax form 990 for Tax-Exempt Organizations with the IRS by May 15 of each year. This is important to keep your non-profit status. The ATS Home Office must receive a copy of the 990 submission or copy of the return that we need for verification that all Branches are in compliance with the applicable laws.

Many of us will be celebrating Easter this Sunday, April 21 and for our Orthodox members and friends their celebration will be on April 28th. Easter celebration marks the end of Holy Week, in which we Christians commemorate the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Easter is a time when we remember what Jesus did for us and how God showed his love. I am wishing you and your family a very Happy Easter that is filled with plenty of love and happiness.

Transylvanian Saxon Trivia: In Transylvania, you can tell a Saxon village from the distance as you can easily spot its fortified church. Malmkrog is by no means the exception. The church was built in the 14th century on the place of an older Romanesque basilica. What makes the church truly rare are the interior frescoes that cover the walls and ceiling of the choir as well as the north wall of the nave which are some of the most important gothic frescoes



Malmkrog

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in Transylvania. There are 53 scenes from the Old and New Testament. Contrary to other free Saxon villages of Transylvania, Malmkrog was the property of Hungarian noble families and locals were part of the serfdom system that was abolished only in the 19th century. Most of the original Saxon population remained after the great exodus of Saxon to Germany in 1990. To this day, it has a larger Saxon population than any other Transylvanian village. Visiting the village, you can enjoy workshops that cover traditional Saxon ways of cooking, weaving, carpentry techniques and many more local skills. In fact, Prince Charles visits this place regularly to find tranquility.

Ich wünsche Ihnen und Ihrer Familie ein gesegnetes und fröhliches Ostern.

SECRETARIES TAKE NOTICE:

THE DEADLINE DATE FOR ARTICLES
 IS WEDNESDAY - 12 NOON.

You may either

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Articles e-mailed will receive an e-mailed confirmation by Noon Thursday. If you did not receive a confirmation, please give us a call.

DEADLINE DATES FOR ARTICLES:

DEADLINE	ISSUE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2019
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2019	FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

Please have your articles in by 12 Noon.

Did you miss the deadline?

Have you emailed your article past 12 noon?

Please call Hanz or Barb Hermann at (440) 892-0436.

BRANCH 10, COLUMBUS
By Donald Blum

I enjoy writing updates for the Volksblatt, reading information and stories from other Branches. Spreading the Saxon news is extremely important. It's about telling stories about our rich and proud heritage. It's about keeping the history alive and telling children, grand children, great grand children, family and our Saxon friends. It is about connecting lives and the past. This became evident to me when I received a recent phone call. It's a little bit of a long story, but interesting. The call started by me answering the phone and the person saying, "Is this Donald?" Naturally, I am thinking this is a telemarketer. So I cautiously replied, "Can I ask what this is regards to?" The person replies, this is Paul Schaible, Jr. Paul is a name from my past. I said, "Oh my gosh, how are you?" He said fine. Paul lives in Poughkeepsie, New York. I had not talked with Paul or his family for over 50 years. He said I just had to call you and tell you how much I enjoy reading the articles in the Volksblatt. He said he gets the Volksblatt. Paul and his family lived near Schiller Park on the outskirts of German Village in Columbus. The more we talked, the more we remembered about our common past. Paul Schaible, Sr. and Margaret Schaible were my God Parents and as it turns out my parents Carl Blum and Mary Sollner-Blum were Paul Schaible, Jr.'s God Parents. We ended up talking on the phone for well over an hour. We talked about the Saxon get-togethers on Woodrow Avenue and what happened to the Saxon Club building on Front Street. We talked about the old Martin Luther Lutheran Church (German-English) on Moler and Ann St. We talked about how the founding fathers of the church had their names on the stained-glass windows of the church and that our grand parents name were on the windows. Martin Luther Church is now called the Refugee Temple Church of Christ. We talked about how Reverend Fendt (Past President of Capital Lutheran Seminary) had married his parents at Martin Luther Church. I told him

how I have used Reverend Fendt as a reference on my application to Capital University. We talked about current members of Branch 10 and Paul remembered something about many of the members. Our conversation seemed like we were talking about yesterday or today, not things from 50+ years ago. So you never know when you are reading the Volksblatt when you may re-discover someone from your past.

We have a correction to our previous newsletter. We listed Dorothea Hesch's birthday as April 20th and it should have been April 22nd. Other famous people born on April 22nd are singer-Glen Campbell, actor-Jack Nicholson, physicist and father of the Atom Bomb-Robert Oppenheimer and actor-Eddie Albert. We wish Dorothea a Happy Birthday.

New member, Jill Blum, had eye surgery in April. Jill is in our prayers and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Olga Hesch will not be able to be at our April meeting. She has headed south to enjoy time with her family. We wish her a safe journey, especially towing a boat through the mountains.

School Experiment

Four worms were placed in four separate test tubes:

- The first in beer
- The second in wine
- The third in whiskey
- The fourth in mineral water

The next day the teacher shows the results:

- The first worm in beer, dead
- The second worm in wine, dead
- The third worm in whiskey, dead
- The fourth worm in mineral water, alive and healthy

The teacher asks the class:

What do we learn from this experiment?

A child responds to the question:

Whoever drinks beer, wine and whiskey does not have worms.

We are hoping the April showers (not too, too much) will bring beautiful flowers in May.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Monday, May 20th.

What Generation Z brings to the marketplace

Born between the early '90s and 2010, the first waves of Generation Z are either working or seeking a job now.

According to the consulting firm BridgeWorks, Gen Z accounts for more than 60 million persons in the U.S.-already more than Gen X and two-thirds the volume of baby boomers.

What do the Gen Z'ers bring to today's workforce? Lots of people are speculating on that very question.

According to Forbes, Gen Z'ers want to make money. They're pragmatic, competitive, and continually refining new skills to stay relevant. Instead of working with a team, they would rather manage their own projects to showcase their skills and abilities.

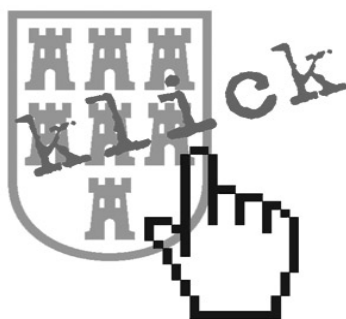
More Gen Z'ers are passing on college now and moving directly into the workplace. According to a Pew Research study, more than 75 percent of them didn't consider college the only path to a strong education and chose to go to work without delay.

Acknowledging their caution, focus on security, privacy, and sensible careers, Gen Z'ers begin to reflect less the brash millennials and more their grandparents, writes economist Neal Howe, co-author of more than a dozen books about generations.

More than any other generation, it's indisputable that to Gen Z'ers, technology is a way of life. They've lived in a world of smartphones and free Wi-Fi for as long as they can remember, and nine of every 10 have some digital footprint.

No wonder that switching among devices comes naturally to Gen Z'ers. They may begin a task in the morning, work on it later on their smartphone, then complete it on their laptop after dinner while watching some TV.

Gen Zer's are profoundly entrepreneurial. More than 70 percent of today's high school students say they want to start a business.



Ich bin ein SiebenbuergeR.de

**ATTENTION:
Members Cleveland East Branch 33
2019-20 Application for
Scholarship/Reimbursement
College Expenses**

Branch 33 members who are newly entering or continuing college (undergraduate studies only) are invited to apply for a Freshman (\$1,000) or Sophomore/Junior/Senior (\$500) scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY to call or write to REQUEST an application.

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019.

Here are the eligibility requirements, i.e. the RULES.

1. At least one parent or guardian or grandparent of the applicant must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years.
2. Scholarship applicants must be a member in good standing of ATS Branch 33 for the past two (2) years, having transferred from Junior/Juvenile status to Active/Adult i.e. local dues paying status.
3. Freshman: High School accumulative GPA minimum 2.0
4. Upperclassman: College accumulative GPA minimum 2.5

Branch 33 members attending college for undergraduate studies can request an application by mailing in the form below or via e-mail to Karyn Schmidt at mbks26@gmail.com.

Questions call Karyn at (216) 382-7397.

**Application Request for Branch 33
College Scholarship/Reimbursement**

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: () _____
 College/University: _____
 Year: circle one Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
 Parent/Guardian/Grandparent Name: _____ + _____

DEADLINE IS May 31, 2019:

Mail to: Karyn Schmidt
4979 Anderson Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124

**SALEM RETIREES
By Norma C. Byers**

April 3, 2019 - What a beautiful spring day, even though it was rather cool, we all enjoyed the fresh breeze. Our good caterers have returned now and gave us a delicious lunch with pineapple upside down cake or chocolate cake for dessert. They were GOOD!

Then, President Lois Whittacre hit the gavel again and we all stood at attention (or so we thought we did!) Tony Rothbrust gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our beautiful American Flag.

Secretary Dianne read minutes from March and they were approved and Treasurer Katie Lederle gave the financial report and it was approved.

On the sick list is still Henry and Flo Spack. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Our 50-50 drawing is al-

ways a fun activity and am pleased to announce it was won by Mary Ann Roth for herself, not on Butch's tickets. We sang Happy Birthday to Dianne, (all of us in tune, too !)

Helen Aeling came up with a funny "congressional" joke. Don't know where these come from, but they are always good for us! We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Last but not least was BINGO. Quite a few winners and a "few" that said BINGO but didn't have it! We tried to blame someone, anyone, but couldn't quite "pin" it!

I think we all get so anxious to win that we believe we did!!!! Ha Ha!

Have a Happy and GOD filled Easter Holiday Season. Love to you all - See you on May 1st.

TRY TO BE A RAINBOW IN SOMEONE'S CLOUD!

INVITE

your relatives and friends
to join the crowd at ATS.

FRATERNAL CALENDAR

NATIONAL EVENTS

- May 4, 2019
Branch Presidents' Meeting
Host New Castle
- June 23-28, 2019
Saxon Summer Camp
- July 12-14, 2019
North American Saxon Heimattag
Host Aylmer German-Canadian Club, Aylmer ONT
- July 19 - 21, 2019
Teen Weekend
- July 27, 2019
Family Day at Waldameer Park, Erie PA
- October 19-20, 2019
ATS Open Bowling Tournament
Host Cleveland West

LOCAL EVENTS

- April 28, 2019
Youngstown Br. 22 Mother/Daughter Banquet
- May 4, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Trachtenball
New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 125th Anniversary
- May 5, 2019
Cleveland East Br. 33 Membership Banquet
Noel Banquet Center
- May 11, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Stiftungsfest/Trachtenfest
Schwabens Center Buffalo Grove IL
- June 15, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Beer and Sausage Fest
- June 23, 2019
Chicago Br.9 Picnic Lynne Woods Morton Grove
- August 24, 2019
Cleveland West Br. 1 Oktoberfest
- September 22, 2019
Cleveland West Brs. 1 and 4 Membership Banquet
- October 5, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Clambake
- October 19, 2019
Cleveland Saxon Dance Group Truabenfest
- October 25, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Halloween Party
- November 3, 2019
Cleveland Sachsenheim Fall Schnitzel Fest
- November 10, 2019
Cleveland West Veterans Day Dinner
- December 7, 2019
Cleveland ES Sachsenchor Sausage Sale
- December 14, 2019
Cleveland West, East and Lorain Children's Christmas Party
- December 15, 2019
Chicago Br. 9 Christmas Party

Holy Saturday tradition: Blessing the baskets

One treasured and long-standing Easter tradition belongs to Poland with its Swieconka -- pronounced "sh-vee-en-soon-kah"-- or blessing of the baskets.

Polish Catholics bring their baskets to the church on Holy Saturday, where they are blessed and then brought back home and remain untouched until Easter Sunday. The baskets are often quite beautiful and part of the charm of the ceremony is viewing others' renditions; the baskets are filled with ceremonial foods that symbolize various facets of the holiday.

The baskets are made of wood or twigs and lined with white linen or lace and decorated with ribbon and sprigs of boxwood. The food includes eggs, bread,

cheese, butter, ham, horseradish, and salt, among other variations.

Eggs symbolize life and the resurrection; the butter is often carved into the shape of a lamb to represent the Lamb of God; bread is for new life ("Bread of Life"); horseradish or vinegar is a reminder of the Passion of Christ; the meats represent abundance and generosity; and cheese represents moderation.

Some include candles, cakes and pastries, wine, and even a little candy. There are often a number of eggs, some colored and at least one left white. The blessing, which used to take place in the home, includes prayers for the contents, including for the meats, eggs, and cakes/breads.

The Adam's apple: What it is; what it does

The Adam's apple is the lump of cartilage that protrudes from the throat.

"Adam's apple," as described by Merriam-Webster, is a derivative of a Latin term that translates into English as a pomegranate--an apple-sized fruit with red, dense flesh.

The Adam's apple serves no function other than to protect the larynx from injury, according to MedicalNewsToday.com. Also known as the "laryngeal prominence," it is composed of cartilage, the muscular connective tissue that sustains the neck and other parts of the body.

More commonly known as the voice box, the larynx is located at the front of the neck, where its vocal cords vibrate to produce the sounds of voice. Along with the mouth and nasal passages, it also protects the airways during swallowing.

Although every person's larynx grows during puberty, the girl's doesn't increase as much as a boy's. As the larynx increases in size, it forces the Adam's apple outward. As a result, men have more prominent Adam's apples than women.

Some conditions, however, may cause swelling in a person's Adam's apple, larynx, or other areas of the neck that may indicate a more serious condition. Among these are laryngitis (inflammation of the larynx pharyngitis in the back of the throat), laryngeal, and thyroid cancer.

Treatment for an enlarged Adam's apple varies according to the cause. These may require such medications as antibiotics or corticosteroids. If the diagnosis is cancerous, treatment can include surgery, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy.

Surgery can either reduce or enlarge an Adam's apple.

Increasing the size of an Adam's apple is performed by transplanting cartilage from other areas of the body. Reducing excess cartilage from the area around the thyroid will make it smaller.

BRANCH 9, CHICAGO By Rose-Marie Hauer

Spring is well on the way and the flowers are beginning to pop out of the ground, the trees have buds and the birds are singing. This is always a fun time of the year with Easter approaching and then all the events that start filling our calendars to keep us busy.

Our meeting was held on April 8, with fair attendance. The Easter bunny came and brought eggs, cake and ATS coloring books to the meeting. We had a nice time socializing.

Sister Claudia Schmidt reported that Sister Rose-Marie Morgen was on the Sick List. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The invitations have been mailed out for the **Stiftungsfest/Trachtenball** which will be held on May 11, at the Schwaben Center in Buffalo Grove, IL. **Please dress in Tracht! Prizes will be awarded.** Tickets are \$35 which includes family style dinner. The band Hirsch will be playing for your dancing pleasure. The Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe and Adult Dance Group will also perform. ****Ladies please bake so we have our famous Saxon desserts for the tables. Please plan on 30-50 pieces. There will be a basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle. Please make your reservations with Rose Hauer at 847-685-9464!!**

As members are getting older or passing away our Saxon Trachts and shirts are left behind for younger generations. However, these generations may not want to keep these items. Many members do not have Trachts and have asked us if they could borrow one for an event. Our answer is we don't have any! As you know a Tracht is unavailable to buy. So we have come up with an idea at Branch 9 to correct this issue. Rose Hauer and Dede Thut are

reaching out and asking any members, past members, and children of members that have a Saxon Tracht or shirt hanging in their closet they do not want to please contact Rose at 773-758-9461. We would like to preserve these costumes and have them available for others to wear to our events.

****Please bring your favorite Saxon/German (only) recipe to the Stiftungsfest or the Picnic.** This means a traditional recipe from back home or Oma's, mom's etc. We taste all these wonderful dishes/pastries at Saxon events and the recipe cannot be shared because the answer is "I have it all in my head and I just throw a little of this and that to make it happen". If we can get enough recipes together we would like to make a booklet for our Branch members. Please help us for the present generations so we can maintain our recipes. All recipes must be in English and be readable. Please give the recipes to Rose or Dede.*** If any members are interested in attending the Heimattag on July 12-14 in Aylmer, Canada please contact President Thut ASAP.

Easter is the time to express joy and celebrate the rebirth of goodness in the world. One of the happiest times in the year, is this holy festival is awaited by all. People celebrate and enjoy with family and friends and send them good wishes. It is also a source of entertainment, as children recite funny Easter poems on this occasion. Such poems feature the animated character the Easter Bunny which is popular among the kids. We cannot forget the colored Easter eggs or the decorated lamb or bunny cakes. They not only create a humorous setting, but also put everyone in the festival mood.

Happy Easter to everyone!



*Der Herr ist meine Hirte,
mir wird nichts mangeln*

CHURCHES



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**Rev. Paul Stork
Pastor**
10:00 Worship Service

**Snacking Your
Way to Health**

Too many snacks between meals are obviously not good for you. There is a way to use healthy snacks to build muscle and shed fat while making you feel better. A recent study found that having a high protein and carbohydrate snack after working out can help improve your overall well-being.

The researchers looked at exercisers who were snacking after a work-out. They gave these exercisers a 250-calorie shake with 24 grams of protein and 36 grams of carbs right after they did a strength training session. These people were followed for six months. At the end of the study session, those who drank the shake lost about four pounds more fat and added almost two pounds more lean muscle than those who did not drink the shake after their work-outs.

So what are the best post-exercise snacks? Try a banana with peanut butter, a wedge of cheese and an apple, a couple of hard-boiled eggs and some dried fruit, or your favorite protein shake. For the most bang for your buck, try to eat your snack within 30 minutes.

BRANCH 32, ELLWOOD CITY
By Docia Jacobs

We, just like all of you, have had a busy start to the new year.

All of our officers were installed, 4 new members were accepted and will be initiated on April 10th and we planned future events .

Branch 45 held its Annual

Spaghetti Dinner on March 9th, and some of our ladies helped at the dinner and provided the desserts.

Our Children's Easter party was held on April 6th. We had a good turnout and the committee did a great job. As you will see from the attached pictures, the

kids had an Easter Egg hunt, they decorated eggs and a story teller from the Ellwood City Library read to them. Branch 45 provided the refreshments. It was a beautiful day

Our branch will once again support the Ellwood City Egg Hunt on April 13 by donating for a golden egg.

Also on April 13th we have scheduled a "Paint & Sip" event.



We remember our Sisters and Brothers who have departed this life in recent days. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the members of the bereaved families.

Michael Lander, Jr.
Age 96
Died: March 1, 2019
Home Branch, Cleveland OH

Anna S. Inda
Age 92
Died: March 2, 2019
Branch 4, Cleveland OH

Linda Maurer
Age 77
Died: March 25, 2019
Branch 33, Cleveland OH

Rudolph R. Kotzbacher
Age 93
Died: March 26, 2019
Branch 3, Alliance OH

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there.
- Clarence W. Hall

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.
- C.S. Lewis

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime.
- Martin Luther

Lorain Bowl Where You Are bowlers



**Kailey & Connor Hochevar;
Addison Long; Logan Ralph**

SAXON SUMMER CAMP

Ages 7 - 17

June 23 -28, 2019
CAMP FREDERICK
ROGERS, OHIO



Summer is rapidly approaching and the ATS Youth Activities Committee is once again sponsoring Saxon Summer Camp, for our Junior Members and friends, ages 7 - 17, the opportunity to spend a week together in fellowship. We are offering four camp programs for the different ages. The programs are designed to allow campers to continue to grow, every time they move to a new age group, the type and level of activities increase to meet the needs of that age group.

New Adventurers – Completed K-2nd Grade Songs, creek stomping, hiking, swimming, crafts, discovery time, camp fires and more.

Cost: ATS Junior Member \$160 and \$310 for non-member children

Discoverers – Completed 3rd- 4th Grade Traditional camp activities plus climbing tower and archery.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$180 and \$330 for non-member children

Journeyers – Completed 5th – 6th Grade Includes traditional camp activities plus canoeing, high rope courses and zip line.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$235 and \$385 for non-member children

Ultimate Challenge – Completed 7th & higher Includes camping out at Ohiopyle, PA, go whitewater rafting and caving at Laurel Caverns.

Cost: ATS Junior Member is \$310 and \$460 for non-member children

The one-week camp will be held at Camp Frederick, a beautiful camp located in Rogers, Ohio on 144 acres of forest, rambling streams, rolling hills, glacial rocks and meadows. Camp Frederick is an organized camp center located at the Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia borders. The camp is located 1 ½ miles east of Rogers, Ohio off SR 154. The address is 6996 Millrock Road. The camp is staffed with trained and experienced counselors.

At Camp Frederick, our campers will be housed in cabins which accommodate eight persons.

One evening will be devoted to Saxon folk dancing and folklore.

We welcome our members to bring along one friend who is not a member. Also, ATS members may send their children or grandchildren (who are not yet ATS members) to the camp at the non-member cost. Each camper will receive a free Saxon Summer Camp T-shirt.

If you wish to attend please complete the Registration Form and send it along with a \$100.00 deposit for ATS Junior Members and \$150.00 for non-member children to the ATS Home Office by May 1, 2019. Upon receipt of your registration fee we will send you a Camper's Health Examination Form and Personal Information Form that must be completed by you and returned to this Office by June 1, 2019, along with the balance of your camp fee. We will mail you a map and detailed information as to arrival and departure times, and what to bring along.

The New Castle Eintracht Singing Society

Cordially invites you to celebrate the

125th Anniversary of the

**Eintracht
Singing Society**



Saturday, May 4, 2019
The Villa Banquet Center
2500 New Butler Road
New Castle, PA. 16101

5:00 p.m. Bar open for soft drinks, coffee, etc **
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 - 10:30 p.m. Bar open for beer and wine**
6:30 p.m. Concert by The Eintracht Männerchor and Kinderchor
Special Guest performance by Platin Scala of Germany
8:00 -11:00 p.m. Dance music provided by The Barons

\$40 which includes dinner, open bar & admission to the event

Kindly RSVP by April 20, 2019
Cancellations are due by April 27, 2019
By calling 724-652-7221

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS \$5.00 PER DINNER
IF RECEIVED BY APRIL 10, 2019 !
** updated info**

____ Total number planning to attend the 125th Anniversary of the Eintracht Singing Society

Member Name _____
Branch No./Title _____ \$40.00
Address _____

Phone Number _____
Guest Name _____
Branch No./Title _____ \$40.00

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Guest Name _____

Branch No./Title _____ \$40.00
\$40 includes dinner, open bar & admission to the event
Amount enclosed \$ _____

Please make your checks payable to
The Eintracht Singing Society
Send your check and reservation to:
The New Castle Eintracht Singing Society
108 Taylor Street New Castle PA 16101

SAXON SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Tele. No. () _____ Member Br. No. _____ ATS Cert. No. _____

- Enclosed is an ATS Registration Form & deposit of \$100.00 for myself
- Enclosed is a Registration Form for my non-member friend and deposit of \$150.00

Friend's Name _____ Age _____

This Form and deposit must be received at the ATS Home Office by May 1, 2019.
Balance will be due by June 1, 2019.

Make check payable to ATS (Alliance of Transylvanian Saxons)

Mail Check and Form to: ATS, 5393 Pearl Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44129-1597

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

New Castle Eintracht Singing Society 125th Anniversary

Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn & Suites
2608 W. State St.,
New Castle, PA 16101
Telephone: (724) 656-0000.
or \$94 + tax Booking.com

Holiday Inn Express
2732 W. State St.,
New Castle, PA 16101
Telephone: (724) 714-000
or \$99 + tax Booking.com

THE EINTRACHT SINGING SOCIETY 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BOOKLET

Dear Friends of the Eintracht.

It is with great anticipation and pride that we announce the celebration of our 125th Anniversary to be held on May 4, 2019 at The Villa Banquet Center, 2500 New Butler Road, New Castle, PA. 16101. The doors will open at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to greeting you at that time and enjoying a wonderful evening of celebration and Gemütlichkeit!

We gladly appreciate all those who will offer their congratulations and well wishes through ads or memorials in our program. **To be included please fill out the form below and return by April 25, 2019** to the Club's address below.** We thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. (** Deadline has been extended.)

Sincerely,
Hans Kraus

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PLEASE ATTACH YOUR CAMERA READY LOGO
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OR EMAIL TO kraus9902@aol.com
The New Castle Eintracht Singing Society
108 Taylor Street New Castle PA 16101



Siebenbürger Sachsen Stiftungsfest & Trachtenball

Come in your Club Tracht! Prizes for the best Trachten!

Saturday, May 11, 2019
Schwaben Center
301 N. Weiland, Buffalo Grove, IL

Doors open at 6:30 PM – Dinner at 7:00 PM
Tickets \$35 each---Cash Bar

Music by "HIRSCH"

Performances by: Donauschwaben Jugendgruppe & Donau Dancers



For reservations please call
Rose at 847-685-9821 by May 4, 2019

Please make checks payable to:
Transylvanian Saxon Benefit Society Branch 9
Sent payment to:
Rose Hauer
216 E. Sibley
Park Ridge, IL 60068



CLEVELAND SAXON DANCE GROUP'S

TRACHTENBALL

Westside Sachsenheim
7001 Denison Avenue
Cleveland, OH



Saturday, May 4, 2019

Doors open at 5:30pm Schnitzel Dinner served at 6:00pm

Performances by our very own Cleveland Saxon Dance Group & Children's Group

Special Guest performance by:
Youngstown Saxon Band
&

Die Gottscheer Tanz und Spielkreis

Dress in Tracht and help us perform the Aufmarsch

Dance the night away to
Mädel Jäger

Adults \$20.00 Children ages 4-10 \$10.00

Make checks payable to: The Cleveland Saxon Dance Group

Reservations are being taken by:
Amanda Donnellan - (216) 235-5240
9578 W 130th St. Strongsville, OH 44136

Meal tickets will be held at the door. Please indicate if you wish to sit with specific individuals.
Deadline for reservations is April 26, 2019

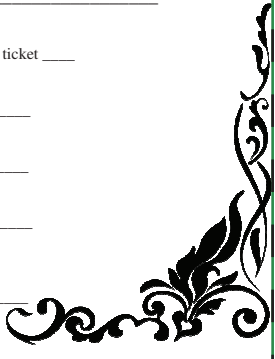
Adult tickets @ \$20.00 per ticket _____ # Child tickets at \$ 10.00 per ticket _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I would like to sit with the following people.



Eine frohe und Mut machende Osterbotschaft

„Unser Glaube ist der Sieg,
der die Welt überwunden hat“
(1, Johannes 5,4)

Die bildlichen Darstellungen von Karfreitag und Ostern sind sehr vielfältig und von den jeweiligen Epochen bestimmt. Ganz anders sind die Berichte im Neuen Testament, die von Anfang an ausschließlich vom „Wort“ geprägt sind. Im Johannes-evangelium lesen wir: „Am Anfang war das Wort, und das Wort war bei Gott, und Gott war das Wort“.

Dennoch war zu allen Zeiten das Bedürfnis vorhanden, das Wunder des Christus-Geschehens bildlich darzustellen. So sind vielfältige Kunstwerke entstanden, die rund um die Welt Menschen faszinieren, nachdenklich machen und für ihre Fragen auch reichlich im Glauben beschenken. Das nebenstehende Ölgemälde „Ostermorgen“ von Eduard Morres, das Bild wurde uns dankenswerterweise von Konrad Klein zugesandt, um 1950 entstanden, ist nicht nur ein beachtliches Kunstwerk, sondern auch, besonders für jene Zeit, eine Situationsbeschreibung und in die Zukunft weisendes aufrichtendes Glaubenszeug-

nis. Hochaufgerichtet, schwebt der auferstandene Christus, mit der Siegesfahne, über der aufgerissenen, zerfurchten Erde. Im Hintergrund die Karpaten und bescheidene Siedlungen.

Damit kommt das Dennoch unseres christlichen Glaubens und Hoffens bildlich zum Ausdruck. Unser siebenbürgisches Völkchen hatte in den Jahren, als Beschuldigte und Enteignete, Schweres zu dulden und zu leisten. Die Überlebenden der Russlandverschleppten waren wieder zu Hause, aber die Wunden von den Opfern des Krieges waren längst noch nicht verheilt. Die Sorgen um die Zukunft waren allgegenwärtig. Es galt Neuorientierung im Glauben und Hoffen zu gewinnen.

Der Kronstädter Maler Eduard Morres (1894-1980) erlebte bewusst diesen Zeitabschnitt und verlegt den nicht darstellbaren Vorgang der Auferstehung Jesu in die Landschaft seiner Burzenländer Heimat. Damit lenkt er durch seine Darstellung den



Eduard Morres: Ostermorgen (auch „Das Licht der Welt“). Öl auf Leinwand, 1950er Jahre (?), 57 x 75 cm, Eduard-Morres-stiftung in der Kirchenburg von Zeiden.

Blick weg vom Kreuz. Freilich ist der Auferstandene der Gekreuzigte, aber als der an unserer Stelle Gekreuzigte ist er der Auferstandene Herr, wie der Evangelist Matthäus in seinem Evangelium für alle Generationen bezeugt: „Mir ist gegeben alle Gewalt im Himmel und auf Erden. Darum gehet hin und machet zu Jüngern alle Völker; Taufet sie... lehret sie... Und siehe, ich bin bei euch alle Tage bis an der Welt Ende“ (Matth. 28. 16-20).

So wird zukunftsorientiert zum Ausdruck gebracht: Hilfe kommt nicht von den Mächtigen der Welt, sondern von Gott selbst. Dem erhöhten Christus. Das bedeutet, dass der sterbliche Mensch nicht dem Zerfall der ablaufenden

Zeit preisgegeben ist. Das ist eine frohe und Mut machende Osterbotschaft für junge und älter gewordene Zeitzeugen. Die Endlichkeit unseres Lebens verfällt nicht dem Nichts, sondern bekommt von Gott den Hauch des Ewigen. Das ist die österliche Verheißung, und sie ist „so unglaublich, dass sie nur geglaubt werden kann“!

Das ist auch die Botschaft des obigen Leitwortes aus dem 1. Johannesbrief für diese Osterfeiertage. „Unser Glaube ist der Sieg, der die Welt überwunden hat.“

Damit wünsche ich Ihnen, liebe Landsleute, ein gesundes und frohes Osterfest!

Hermann Schuller, Dekan i. R.
Siebenbürgische Zeitung
10. April 2019

Er lebt!

Ostergedicht

*Maria steht am Grab
und weint.
Sie ist todtraurig,
denn sie meint,
und es scheint,
der Heiland sei
nun nicht mehr da.
Und doch ist er ihr nah.*

*Die Tränen trüben
ihre Sicht,
und sie erkennt den
Meister nicht.
„Maria!“
Da – plötzlich ändert
sich ihr Blick.
Maria schaut zurück. –*

*Sie kann nicht fassen,
was geschah.
Er lebt! Der Herr
ist wieder da.
„Mein Meister!“
Er lebt! Das ändert
Herz und Sinn:
Schnell eilt sie zu den
Jüngern hin:*

*„Er lebt, ein Wunder
ist geschehen.
Ich habe unsern
Herrn gesehen.“
In Ewigkeit
ist er derselbe
wie vor Jahren,
und jeder kann es
jetzt erfahren,
dass Jesus Christus lebt.*

(Ostergedicht,
Autor: Toni Jung, 2012)

ATS



Saxon Summer Camp

June 23-28 2019

Camp Frederick Rogers, Ohio

New Adventure Grades 1 - 2 (completed)

Discoverers Grades 3 - 4 (completed)

Journeyers Grades 5 - 6 (completed)

Ultimate Challenge Grades 7- 9 (completed)

Teen Weekend

July 19-21, 2019

Salem Saxon Club

Ages 13-19

ATS Family Day

July 27, 2019

Waldameer Park, Erie PA

Plus Coloring Contests during the Year

And

Coloring Projects in the Volksblatt



die Lehrerin

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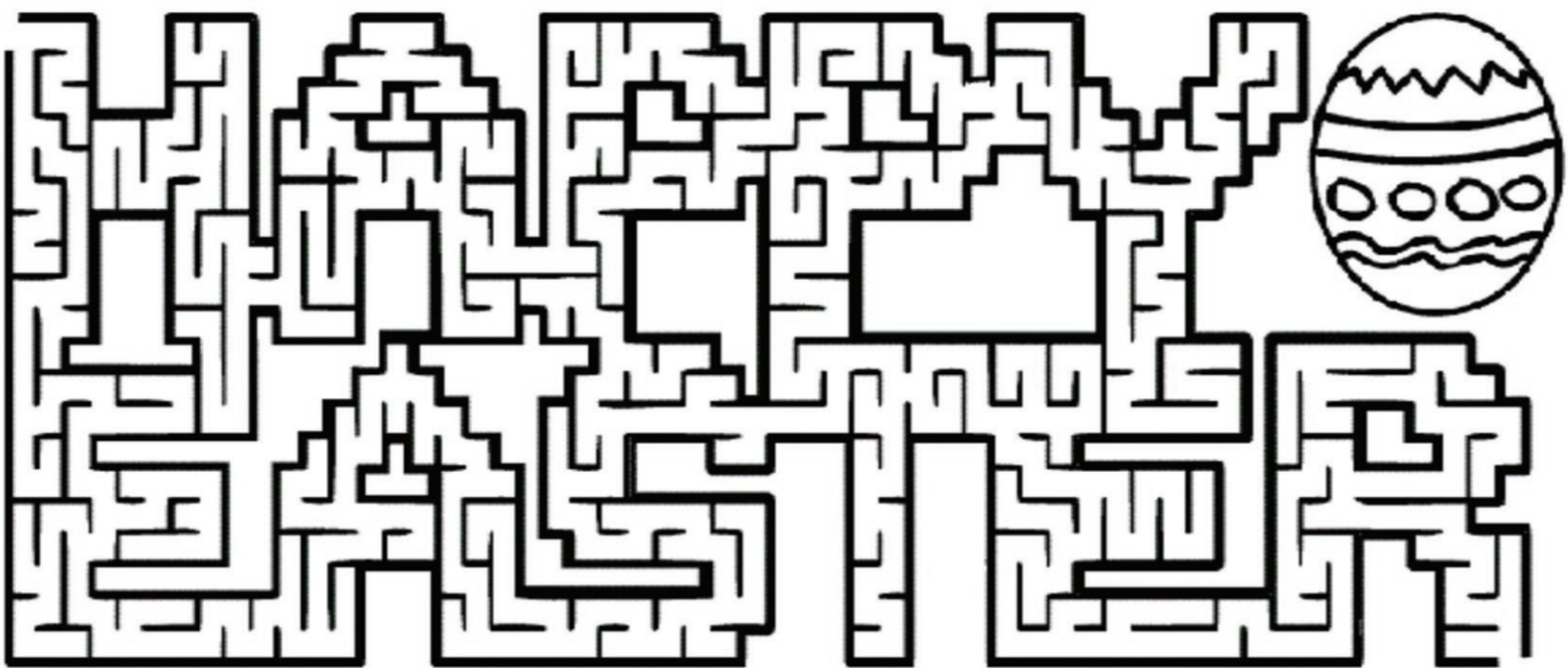
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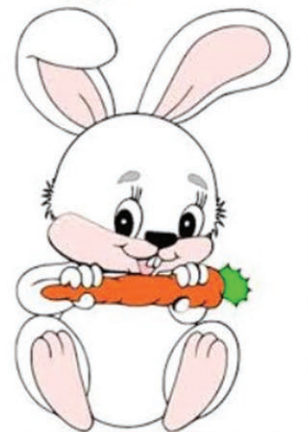
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Frohe Ostern



What is the best way to send a letter to the Easter Bunny?

Answer: Hare Mail

What did the rabbit say to the carrot?

Answer: It's been nice gnawing you

**Artisans and Nobles:
The von Kraus Family across
350 Years of War and Social Change in
Eastern European History**

Rüdiger H. von Kraus

(Continued)

3. Thomas Kraus
and the Fogarasch Milieu

The just five-hour-long Battle of Zenta also changed the life of the 34-year-old officer Thomas Kraus, who fought among Count Rabutin's Transylvanian regiment. Almost five years later, on June 9, 1702, he was ennobled by Leopold I "for faithful services the said subject rendered to our Majestic House of Austria on various occasions, times and places, and which he undoubtedly will continue and multiply." One such occasion had been the Battle of Zenta.

The certificate of ennoblement further states that: "With this writing, we advise all those concerned, to whom it is useful, that with our Majesty's present exemption letter the intelligent citizen and inhabitant of the town of Fagaras in the county Albensi in Transylvania Thomas Krausz is freed of his jobbagian obligations." Being a Transylvanian Saxon, which Thomas was, implies to the casual observer with some knowledge of Transylvania's history that he also was part of "a Saxon community of equals like no other in the world," a view also poetized in one of the most popular Saxon songs: "Where is a nobler race, without master or servant?" The equal rights status of the Saxons would have meant that the letter's mention of vassal obligations was a mistake or just part of the ennoblement jargon. A closer look reveals Fogarasch and its surroundings as a unique land in the midst of social and political changes when Thomas was born there in 1663. Until well into the 15th century the land of Fogarasch belonged to Wallachia, an Ottoman tributary principality to the south. Even in the 17th century, a few portions were still owned by Wallachian nobles such as the Cantacuzinos and Brîncoveanus. The land as such was already mentioned in the 1224 Andrea-num in which the Hungarian King "grants them [the Saxons] the right to use the Blacis [Wallach] and Biss-

enis [Pesheneg] forests for common use with the Blacis and Bissenis." By the 17th century, the Bissenis had disappeared, presumably absorbed by the Wallachs, who eventually became known as Romanians, as the sole inhabitants. Not so in the town of Fogarasch and its fortress, which was inhabited by Hungarians, Saxons, and Romanians.

The name Fogarasch was associated with three entities: the actual town, the fortress in that town, and the land south of the town and fortress, which extended to the east and west with the Fogarasch mountains forming the southern border with Wallachia. All three entities were governed by feudal rules when Thomas was born and stayed that way to some degree until the end of the century and beyond.

The land was divided into three registry districts of which the middle, the Fogarasch domain, was the largest. The Fogarasch was followed by the Porumbacu district to the west and Comăna to the east. Most of the land was owned for some time by the Transylvanian prince du jour. For whatever reason, princes decided to inscribe the land in their spouse's name. This was also the case in Thomas' year of birth when Prince Michael Apafi signed over the land, valued at 80,000 forints, to his wife, Anna Bornemisza. The land was not 100% owned by the princes or their wives. In the 1640 Register of Deeds, for example, there was a total of 4,477 household units of which the reigning prince owned 90%. Ten percent were given to or mortgaged for good services by subordinates such as the fortress's castellan, while boyars and vecini owned other, also smaller lots. The boyars and vecini were descendants of left-over landowners from the end of the 15th century when the land had belonged to Wallachia. All the Hungarian princes, but in particular George I Rákóczi (reigned 1630-48), pursued a disenfranchising policy against the boyars and vecini. By the end of the 17th century, the vecini either

were forced into the lower rank of freemen, with just a few being able to prove their status with old documents or paid their way into the higher rank of boyars. Many boyars suffered the same fate when they could not produce enough proof of their land ownership with only a minority being accepted into the Hungarian nobility. The princes intended to discredit as many smaller landowners as possible in order to increase their holdings. This phenomenon was not unique to Fogarasch, it happened to the east in Ukraine with latifundia, and in the rest of Hungary and Western Europe with the manorial system. The system relied on subjugated labor mostly made up of serfs. In 1640 they accounted for 3,784 or 85% of the 4,477 total households. The serfs had to work for the prince 1 out of every 3 weeks and were tied to the land, as opposed to jeleri, who were somewhat better off when it came to freedom of movement. The jeleri, who comprised around 5% of the households, were free to move around. Unlike the serfs, however, the jeleri did not own their small lot of land or houses. Up next on the social ladder were the depositi, who also accounted for about 5% of the subjects who had relatively few obligations and were free to move around, and part of the lower local nobility. Although the latter did not have the right to pass on these privileges or take them along when they moved out of the land. The boyars, being small landowners, made up a little over 2% of all households, while the lower nobility and the very poor each accounted for around 1%. The craftsmen are not singled out and are listed among the other subjects since they also had to render services to the prince.

The author's research did not uncover any indication of where Thomas's parents were located on this social and political ladder. There is an unconfirmed story that circulates in one corner of the family, which states that Thomas's father had been a "poor shoemaker from Schirkanian," a town not far from Fogarasch. Given that several of Thomas's descendants were tanners and shoemakers, there might be some truth to this story. The fact is that the name "Kraus," in any variation, does not appear in the 1640 Fogarasch



Fig. 2 The Fogarasch fortress turned castle

Register of Deeds, which is probably an indication that the family did not reside in Fogarasch at the time.

Starting with the reign of Gabriel Bethlen (1613-1629) and ending in 1676 under the watchful eye of Princess Bornemisza the fortress had undergone four major renovations and additions, which turned it into a splendid royal residence. Records kept by the Princess and her predecessors show a commensurate increase in expenditures, which such a new role required. A "German," most likely Saxon, gardener's relatively high pay of 80 forints (in cash and goods), more than half of the administrator's annual salary of 150 forints, suggests that Saxon skills seemed to have been appreciated. Saxon artisans such as carpenters and wheelwrights who were called from the outside seemed to have been preferred over local Hungarians and Romanians. This preference seems to indicate that there would have been opportunities for skilled Saxons in Fogarasch, which most likely brought Thomas's parents to town. A June 1680 inventory list also shows the number of hides used to make 60 pairs of boots from Moroccan leather and 60 pairs of male and female shoes. An April 1679 cashier's record shows the acquisition of 80 Moroccan leather-hides, 30 hides for linings, 5 hides for soles and 132 cordova leather-hides. The same record shows the purchase of 114 pairs of boots and 176 pairs of shoes. Thus, there seems to have been a sizeable market for a tanner living in Fogarasch, as Thomas might have been, but certainly several of his descendants ended up being. According to a rule that was probably in effect during Thomas's lifetime, only the oldest son inherited

the family's land, while the younger brothers had to find other ways to make a living. The land that the Fogarasch von Krauses passed on from generation to generation was too small to split up. As we will see later, the family had set up a fideicommissum in order to legally guard that arrangement.

The renovations of the fortress—turned castle—undertaken by Georg Rakoszi I in the first half of the 17th century, were actually of a defensive nature. He built a second inner wall on the vulnerable north and south sides and had the space between the walls filled with soil, which created a now an 8-meter wide barrier. He widened and deepened the surrounding moat, which was filled with water from the adjoining the River Alt.

These additions made the castle a formidable defensive structure that was never conquered by force. But it also made it a prized possession. In the turbulent times of the mid-17th century when the tug-of-war between the Ottomans and Habsburgs was interlaced with Rakoszi II's earlier mentioned adventures, the fortress offered refuge to Habsburg loyalists.

Rakoszi's ally, Wallachian Prince Constantin II Șerban, tried to conquer the area and set an unsuccessful siege to the fortress. The town and fortress did not always agree on their loyalties, leading to an armed confrontation between them in 1658, when the fortress devastated the town. Later, on May 9, 1688, the Transylvanian Diet convened in the main hall of the castle to declare the end of the Ottoman suzerainty. The break with the Porte paved the way for the installation of imperial troops in the Fogarasch, Görgeny, and Kövar

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castles. That by itself did not end the conflicts and Fogarasch remained one of the main targets for Turkish invaders until October 1690, when Ludwig von Baden forced them out of Transylvania. Without the Ottoman threat, the Diet was able to reconvene in the main hall from January 18 to January 26, 1691, at which time they accepted Leopold I's rule.

At least in some respects, the 150 years of Ottoman suzerainty had spared Transylvania the fate of Bohemia, another area that caused troubles in the Habsburg empire. The 1526 Battle of Mohacs that led to Transylvania's quasi-independence coincided with the spread of Protestantism in that region. It would be tough to find in Martin Luther's Europe a people better prepared to implement his teachings than the Transylvanian Saxons. According to G.D. Teutsch:

The free state of mind and self-rule in towns and villages, in church and civic life had undoubtedly for some time already prepared the road for the Reformation. The streak of dissatisfaction in the Saxon people, its opposition to all the barriers by the Roman church to spiritual and civic development was age old; more than once during the 15th century had the serious fight against them taken their representatives to Gran and Rome.

Preserving the right to elect their priests had been just one of them. It was the noble Markus Pemfflinger who in 1521 had been elected the Saxon leader of Königsboden, who rendered his full support to the dissemination of Luther's teachings. Although Fogarasch was not located on Königsboden, such aspects as religion also impacted the one-third of Saxons that lived in the Hungarian administered areas of Transylvania. Transylvania's Hungarian population also shared the enthusiasm for reformation, although they preferred the Calvinist faith, establishing what came to be known as the Reformed Church. One drawback of the Saxons' being a minority in Hungarian-controlled Fogarasch was that they were exposed to shenanigans by the reformed Hungarians despite the 1653 Approbaten law, to the extent that in 1666, when the Saxons' pastor was moved to another location, their congregation ceased to exist. Luckily for those ardent believers who were willing to travel 1/2 to 1 hour west of the village of Bethlen they could attend services in a tiny Lutheran church there.

When the prospect of a Habsburg rule started to take shape, both the reformed Adel and Lutheran Saxons came to recognize the potential problem they might encounter with the arch-Catholic Habsburgs. The decimating reprisals that their Bohemian brothers in faith had endured after the 1620 Battle of White Mountain were not something they wished to experience. For this rea-


son, they made sure to include the granting of complete religious freedoms already in their first negotiations with Leopold's representatives in 1686 as a condition of their pledge of allegiance. Their request was also included in an agreement with Karl von Lothringen, the head of the imperial army, the following year. Von Lothringen had come bolstered by a resounding victory against the Ottomans at Mohacs that August, a triumph that tipped the balance of power in Vienna's favor in the ongoing negotiations with the still wavering Transylvanian Prince Apafi I. The Prince had been elected in 1661 with Ottoman support as a rival to the Habsburg-backed Janos Kemeny. When Kemeny was killed in battle against the Ottomans a year later, Apafi remained the uncontested ruler. The Saxons' agreement with von Lothringen was another step in this step-by-step Habsburg take-over of Transylvania. The next step was the drafting of the Leopold-

inisches Diplom on December 4, 1691, which spelled out the details of the Habsburg rule, including the guarantee of religious freedom in Transylvania. Unlike the 1609 Letter of Majesty, which was issued by Rudolf II and guaranteed religious tolerance to his Bohemian subjects, with its devastating effects when his successor repealed it, the Leopoldinisches Diplom, survived until the end of the Habsburg monarchy albeit with needed reminders.

Emboldened by the Diplom, 130 Saxons from Fogarasch formally petitioned Transylvania's ruling Prince Michael Apafi II and Saxon Gräv (leader) Johann Sachs von Hartneck on March 28, 1700, for their own priest and teacher. By this time Thomas Krausz had been appointed captain of the strategically located Galatz bridge and was most likely one of the signatories of the petition. Already a week later, a priest and a teacher accompanied by students were on their way from Hermannstadt to Fogarasch. They carried with them a letter of safe

conduct issued by Count Rabutin, the Commanding General of the Imperial forces in Transylvania (under whose command Thomas had fought at Zenta). In a village, about an hour from Fogarasch, a Hungarian official and two reformed Hungarian nobles tried to prevent them from passing. It took the threat of reporting the interferers as robbers to get by them. The travellers finally reached Fogarasch, where the entire Saxon population welcomed them. The first religious services after a 14-year interruption were held in a barn because the Reformed church from which the Saxons had been expelled 14 years prior continued to refuse them. A new Church, clergy house, and a school were first built out of wood, and after they burned down the buildings were replaced by brick and mortar ones in 1753. By 1841 the congregation had outgrown the buildings, and larger ones replaced them. These same buildings are still standing today.

To be continued



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2018-2019 TSBA SEASON AND TOURNAMENT

SEASON RESULTS

Team Champs - New Castle #1

Milt McCoy, Shirley Snyder, Jen Both, John Kirr

Team High Game - New Castle #3

Jerry Arthur, Betty Hughes, Bob McCormick, Dan Both

Team High Series - Youngstown #1

Bob Lohr, John Malcomson, Kiki Eberth, Tom Simon, Sub - Monica Simon

Women's High Game Actual - Shari Edwards

Women's High Game with Handicap - Barb Hum

Women's High Series Actual - Kathy Roman

Women's High Series with Handicap - Michelle Radeff

Women's High Average - Shari Edwards

Women's Most Improved - Tied: Barb Hum, Ginger Romes

Men's High Game Actual - Tom Simon

Men's High Game with Handicap - Jeff Krestel

Men's High Series - Jamie Radeff

Men's High Series with Handicap - Dan Suts

Men's High Average - Tom Simon

Men's Most Improved - Dan Suts



Season Team Champs: Milt McCoy, Shirley Snyder, Jen Both, John Kirr



Team High Game - Jerry Arthur, Betty Hughes, Bob McCormick, Dan Both



Team High Series - Bob Lohr, John Malcomson, Kiki Eberth, Tom Simon, Sub: Monica Simon

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

First Place Team - Youngstown #2

Candy Crum, Alexis Marucci, Lisa Marucci, Monica Simon

Singles Event: Women - Barb Gilles Men - Rich Baker

Doubles Event: Michelle Radeff and Jamie Radeff

All Events Actual: Women - Shari Edwards

Men - Jamie Radeff

All Events Handicap: Women - Karen Kinser

Men - Rich Baker



Tournament Team Winners - Youngstown #2
Candy Crum, Alexis Marucci, Lisa Marucci, Monica Simon



Shari Edwards
Hi Game; Hi Average



Barb Hum
Hi Game; w/handicap
Tied - Most Improved



Kathy Roman
High Series



Michelle Radeff
High Series w/handicap,



Tom Simon
High Game, Hi Average
Team Hi Series



Jeff Krestel
Hi Game w/handicap



Jamie Radeff
High Series
Doubles Event



Dan Suts
Hi Series w/handicap
Most Improved



Barb Hum and Ginger Romes
Most Improved



Karen Kinser
All Events w/handicap



Rich Baker
Men's Single Event,
All Events w/handicap

Great Season!
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Great People!



TSBA CONVENTION
Host: New Castle Bowlers
Eintracht Hall
Saturday, June 8, 2019
Every Branch is entitled to send
three Delegates.



Barb Gilles
Women's Single Event



Jamie Radeff & Michelle Radeff
Doubles Event